



MATHEWSON MCCARTHY BASEBALL



**Mathewson McCarthy Baseball
Covid-19 Safety Plan and Procedures**

- Follow any and all state and local guidelines related to facilities and events.
- Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home. Per the CDC, symptoms include cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell. If you have symptoms or feel you may have been exposed, please notify your child's coach.

Practices / Games

- Coaches and players must wear face coverings at all times when **not actively participating** in the field of play.
- Coaches will keep a record of player attendance at each practice or game.
- Players and coaches may not arrive at the field prior to the designated arrival time.
- Players should limit any sharing of playing equipment, bats, gloves, catcher's gear, etc.
- Players will be expected to have their own helmet and bat. If he/she is not able to provide a helmet, a sanitized helmet will be provided by the league.
- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to supply their players with antibacterial wipes and hand sanitizer for cleaning hands during practice.
- Teams will ensure that dugouts are cleaned and disinfected before and after each use.
- Players and coaches will not be allowed to chew candy, sunflower seeds, or gum.
- Players should bring their own water bottle. Team water coolers are prohibited.
- The managers meeting at home plate should be limited to one coach from each team plus umpires. 6 foot social distancing should be maintained.
- No handshakes, high fives, or group gatherings on the field.
- Umpires will wear a mask at all times when social distancing is not possible.
- Plate umpires will stand behind the pitcher rather than the catcher.
- Players should bring a pop-up or folding chair for use outside of the dugout.
- Players should limit any sharing of playing equipment, bats, gloves, catcher's gear, etc.
- To limit sharing of catcher's gear, at levels where live pitching is not used, the catcher will remain in the on deck area during at bats and will enter the field of play once the ball is in play.

Potential for Pause

In the event a player tests positive for COVID-19, per NYS guidance, the player's team will be placed on "pause" for 10 days (i.e., practices, games, and meetings are not permitted). The 10-day pause period will begin on the date of the player's positive test or the last date the team congregated together, whichever is earlier. The parent/guardian of the player with a positive test shall inform the team head coach upon receipt of a positive test. The team head coach shall inform the VP House of the positive test. MMB will then send a notice to all league participants indicating which team has been placed on pause because of a positive COVID-19 test and the date the team is permitted to return to team activities. Please note that neither MMB nor a coach will share the name of any player who tests positive for COVID-19 with team members, league participants, or the Erie County Health Department.

Spectators

- Spectators must maintain department of health social distancing practices.
- Spectators must wear face coverings at all times.
- Spectators will not be allowed to spit sunflower seeds.
- Spectators should not congregate at practice venues.